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## THE COUNCIL AND THE NEWS LETTER

The Alumni Council and the Association have taken hold so gallantly of the recruiting project and of the plans for the School's tenth anniversary, that whatever may be said in *Library School Notes* about activities between now and the Swampscott Conference will be by way of reiteration and commendation rather than announcement. The need to aid the A. L. A. Committee on Recruiting for Library Service, the desirability of special effort for a large attendance at the annual dinner at New York and at the conference dinner at Swampscott, and the importance of adding to the Plummer and Van Valkenburgh funds, have all been understood by the officers of the Association, and their plan of issuing a bulletin to keep the entire body of former students informed as to what is in prospect is at once evidence of vital interest and promise of real results. Both the *News Letter* and the recruiting poster, which was suggested by the Cleveland section, will have been seen by most of the Alumni before this issue of *Library School Notes* reaches them. The faculty and Principal can only express their earnest hope that every effort will be exerted by individual alumni to make the Council's campaign successful.

By way of added memorandum, the annual dinner at New York will be held on June 9th, and the conference dinner at Swampscott on June 24th. The Plummer and Van Valkenburgh Funds are growing admirably,\* but need some large group donations similar to that made a few months ago by the junior class of 1920. The entire library profession is in need of the support of every member in inducing young people throughout the country to consider librarianship as a profession. Back up the Council in the work relating to our own School, and help the Council back up the A. L. A. in its nation-wide recruiting effort.



### COMMENCEMENT

This year's commencement which rounds out ten years of the School's work, will be held at 11 a. m., on Friday, June 10th. Mr. R. R. Bowker, President of the R. R. Bowker Company, has consented to give the address of the morning, and will speak upon "The Inspirations of Librarianship."

### BOOKS FOR CHINA

The alumni committee on books for China wishes to send another shipment to Mr. Seng and Mr. Hu in the coming summer. Former students who have material to contribute are urged to send it to the Library School, preferably not later than June 20th.

### LIBRARY PLANS AND PICTURES

At commencement, 1920, it was desired to exhibit plans and other illustrations of the libraries in which former students are working, but the School collection did not contain enough of the desired material to carry this out. Will former students who can secure postcard or other pictures of their libraries kindly send copies?

### SENIOR COURSES

The senior instructional period and the open courses came to a close with the end of April. The seniors are now finishing their bibliographies and book lists and doing the remainder of their practical work, which is taken into account in awarding of diplomas. The open courses, attracting as they did large numbers of experienced workers, have helped again to make the School a center of interest and instruction for the library forces, not only in and about New York, but over a much larger area.

### PROSPECTS FOR 1921-22

The applications for 1921-22 are coming in encouraging numbers, and include the names of more foreign students than have been enrolled at the School in any one year since pre-war times. Indications are that the recovery in numbers which showed itself last year is continuing. There is room for a good deal of improvement still in this regard, however, and every prospective candidate for library work who can be turned in the direction of the School is still an asset.



**PRESENT LIBRARY SALARIES**

As bearing upon the general problem of recruiting for library work, it is important to be able to state just what salaries may be looked forward to by young men and women who contemplate attending a library school. With a view to obtaining accurate data on this subject, an enquiry was addressed recently to the various library schools, and the figures below are the result:

Report on average of present salaries of workers with library school training, who have left library school and gone into the field in and since June, 1918:

- a. Workers who have spent one year in library school:
  - 1. Those taking positions 1918 — (114 reporting) - - \$1,422
  - 2. Those taking positions 1919 — ( 87 reporting) - - 1,381
  - 3. Those taking positions 1920 — (125 reporting) - - 1,327
- b. Workers who have spent two years in library school:
  - 1. Those taking positions 1918 — (40 reporting) - - \$1,742
  - 2. Those taking positions 1919 — (19 reporting) - - 1,694
  - 3. Those taking positions 1920 — (29 reporting) - - 1,676

**INSPECTION TRIP**

The itinerary for the annual inspection trip took the School this spring to Washington and Philadelphia, the group leaving New York on Friday, March 25th, and returning on Friday, April 1. The various visits proved most profitable, and the hospitality shown by the entertaining libraries was, if anything, more generous than usual. The unique features were the call at the library of the Commercial Museum in Philadelphia, and the opportunity provided by the United States Department of Agriculture for the students to view two films illustrating some of the work of the Department.

**THE 1921 INSTITUTE**

As in 1920, a Library Institute for the workers of Westchester and Rockland Counties and western Long Island was held at the School in May under the direction of the Committee on Institutes of the New York State Library Association and the Extension Division of the New York State Department of Education. Members of the Faculty and Library School students, as well as speakers from The New York Public Library and neighboring libraries, assisted in the programme. Fifty-four delegates, representing thirty-three libraries, were present. Mr. Watson, Chief of the Extension Division at Albany, was here for the day, presiding at one of the sessions, and was kind enough to say that he considered the Institute a thorough success.



## A PERSONAL LOSS

Word came recently of the death of Mr. Théophile E. Comba, formerly instructor in Italian at the Library School, which took place at Dorset, Vermont, on Friday, March 25th. Mr. Comba is remembered as a most interesting and stimulating teacher, whose work was a valuable contribution to the life and activities of the School.

## APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONAL NOTES

Louise Boerlage, 1916-18, has accepted a position in the Hibbing, Minn., Public Library.

Jessie Brainerd, 1911-13, will be in charge of one of the courses in library methods at Columbia University in the coming summer.

Rosalie Brooker, 1917-19, of the Cleveland Public Library, has been transferred to the headship of the Miles Park Branch, one of the larger branches in Cleveland.

Lucy Condell, 1915-16, is now an assistant in the library of the Chase National Bank, New York.

Alice M. Dunlap, 1917-19, who went to the Duluth Public Library two years ago as assistant librarian, and who has been acting librarian since the resignation of Miss Frances Earhart, has been appointed librarian.

Edna Gearhart, 1913-15, is now on the staff of the Indiana Legislative Reference Bureau, Indianapolis.

Thomas Ching-Sen Hu, 1917-19, was married on May 8, 1920, to Miss T. F. Ling.

Bessie McGregor, 1919-20, has been made assistant branch librarian in The New York Public Library, and is stationed at the 67th Street Branch.

Mary E. Jameson, 1912-14, has resigned her position in the Science Division of The New York Public Library to become Executive secretary and librarian in the Syracuse Clinic, Syracuse, New York, organized by Dr. T. H. Halsted, under whom Miss Jameson worked while in France with the American Red Cross.

Adelene Pratt, 1917-19, who for two years has been librarian at the Manual Training High School, Kansas City, Mo., will begin work on July 1st, as librarian of the newly created Burlington County Library, New Jersey.

Alfred H. P. Sayers, 1918-19, has accepted a place on the staff of the Cleveland Public Library.

Enid Stafford, 1912-13, was married at New Orleans on February 3, 1921, to Rev. Coleman Edward Byram, and is now residing at St. Thomas Rectory, Sioux City, Iowa.

Jennie Welland, 1912-13, editor of the N. Y. Times Index, has had her responsibilities increased by being made supervisor of the library and of the subject files at the office of the Times.